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SUBJ: M/V JACQUELINE - SUSPECTED MARIJUANA CARGO

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1. AFTER CONSULTATION, GOC FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAVE FORMULATED JOINT POSITION PERMITTING BOARDING AND SEARCH OF VESSEL IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THIS SUPERSEDES FOREIGN MINISTRY REFUSAL OF PERMISSION REPORTED REFTTEL.

2. CONDITIONS OUTLINED BY GOC ARE AS FOLLOWS. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL POLICE GARCIA AND TWO OR THREE ASSISTANTS WOULD FLY TO US (AT USG EXPENSE) AND BE TRANSPORTED BY US COAST GUARD TO BOARD JACQUELINE. GOC AUTHORITIES
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WOULD THEN CARRY OUT INVESTIGATION, TAKING OF EVIDENCE, AND MAKING OF ANY ARRESTS. THEY WOULD HAVE FULL GOC LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS. IF CONTRABAND IS ON BOARD, VESSEL WOULD BE RETURNED TO COLOMBIAN TERRITORY. TAKING VESSEL INTO US PORT WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE LEGAL MATTERS IN GOC VIEW. HOWEVER, TO RETURN VESSEL COLOMBIA, US COAST GUARD ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY. ONCE BACK IN COLOMBIA,

SHIP, EVIDENCE, AND ARRESTED PERSONS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO COLOMBIAN JUDGE, AND CASE WOULD FOLLOW USUAL COLOMBIAN LEGAL PROCEDURES.

3. GOC PROPOSAL HAS APPARENT MERIT OF SIMPLIFYING PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW INVOLVED AND OF PROVIDING EXAMPLE OF US-GOC COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN OF GOC PROPOSAL, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING US ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING VESSEL TO COLOMBIA, IS FEASIBLE FROM USG VIEWPOINT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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